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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A storage apparatus for safely storing documents, comprising:

a first transparent sheet;

a second sheet attached to the first transparent sheet along a seal, the seal defining a pocket between the first transparent sheet and the second sheet, the pocket having an open end;

an adherent disposed between the first transparent sheet and the second sheet and across the open end of the pocket, and adapted to selectively adhere the first transparent sheet to the second sheet, ~~and seal to close the pocket, so that the pocket is liquid tight in a liquid tight fashion;~~ and

an attachment section disposed along a side of the first and second sheet and adapted to mount the storage apparatus within a container.

2. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 1, wherein the seal is air tight.

3. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 1, wherein the seal is water tight.

4. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, wherein the seal is a heat seal between the first sheet and the second sheet.

5. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, wherein the second sheet is transparent.

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6. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, wherein the seal includes a first linear segment, a second linear segment, and a third linear segment.

7. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first segment extends approximately horizontally across the first sheet, the second segment extends approximately vertically across the first sheet, and the third segment extends approximately horizontally across the first sheet.

8. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 7, wherein the pocket forms an approximately 4 inch by 6 inch rectangle.

9. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 7, wherein the pocket forms an approximately 3 ½ inch by 5 inch rectangle.

10. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a releasable tape disposed across the adherent.

11. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a second seal between the first sheet and the second sheet, the second seal defining a second pocket with an open end.

12. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 11, wherein the adherent is disposed across the open end of the second pocket.

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13. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 12, wherein the second pocket is approximately 4 inches by 6 inches.

14. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 12, wherein the second pocket is sized to receive a strip of negatives from a 35 mm camera.

15. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, wherein the attachment section is a chamber bounded by a continuous water-tight seal.

16. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 15, wherein the chamber includes a plurality of holes sized and spaced such that the storage apparatus can be received in a loose leaf binder.

17. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, wherein the adherent is releasable.

18. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first sheet and the second sheet are comprised of a single sheet folded over itself.

19. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 3, wherein the adherent includes an aggressive adhesive and a nonaggressive adhesive disposed on either side of a tape.

20. (original) The storage apparatus of claim 19, wherein the aggressive adhesive is adhered to the second sheet, and a releasable tape is disposed across the nonaggressive adhesive, thereby separating the nonaggressive adhesive from the first sheet.

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21. (currently amended) A method of preserving a document, comprising:
inserting the document through an open end of and into a pocket formed by a liquid
tight seal between two sheets, at least one of the sheets being transparent;
~~sealing~~ closing the open end of the pocket ~~in a liquid tight fashion~~ with the document
~~inside such that the pocket is liquid tight~~; and
disposing the two sheets in a document container.

22. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein the sealing of the open end includes
removing a strip of releasable tape to expose an adherent.

23. (original) The method of claim 21, the two sheets including holes sized and
spaced to be received into a loose leaf binder, the disposing step further comprising inserting
rings of a binder through the holes of the two sheets.

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24. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a device for safely storing a document, including:

disposing an adherent along a length of a first sheet;

attaching the first sheet to a second sheet along a liquid tight seal to form an open ended pocket between the first sheet and the second sheet, the liquid tight seal having a first end and a second end, the first end and the second end being disposed abutting the adherent; and

forming an attachment section next to the pocket, the attachment section adapted to mount the two sheets to a photo album;

wherein the adherent is selectively applicable to the second sheet to close the pocket, such that the pocket is liquid tight.

25. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein attaching the first sheet to the second sheet includes heat sealing the first sheet to the second sheet.

26. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein disposing the adherent includes using a dual sided tape.

27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein the dual sided tape includes an aggressive adhesive and a non-aggressive adhesive.

28. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein the dual sided tape includes a pair of aggressive adhesives.

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29. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein the adherent includes a releasable tape.

30. (currently amended) A storage apparatus for safely storing documents, comprising:

a first transparent sheet;

a second sheet attached to the first transparent sheet along a liquid tight seal, the liquid tight seal including a vertical seam and two horizontal seams meeting at corners to define a three-sided pocket between the first transparent sheet and the second sheet, the pocket having an open end, the horizontal seams each having endpoints opposite the vertical seam;

an attachment section disposed along a side of the first and second sheet and adapted to mount the storage apparatus within a container;

an adhesive disposed on one of the first and second sheets and across the open end of the pocket and abutting the endpoints of the horizontal seams; and

a releasable tape disposed on the adhesive such that the adhesive is adapted to selectively adhere the first sheet to the second sheet across the open end to close and seal the pocket, such that the pocket is liquid tight in a liquid-tight fashion.

31. (original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the attachment section is a chamber defined by a continuous water-tight seal.

32. (original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the attachment section includes at least one hole.

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33. (original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the adhesive includes a dual sided tape with a non-aggressive adhesive disposed on a first side of the tape, and an aggressive adhesive disposed on the second side of the tape.